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**NASA ANNOUNCES SECOND ROUND OF SCREENING SPACE PROGRAM
ARTIFACTS**

WASHINGTON – NASA is inviting eligible education institutions, museums and other organizations to screen and request artifacts representing significant human space flight technologies, processes and accomplishments from NASA's space exploration programs, present and past.

On October 1, 2009, the General Services Administration (GSA) launched a web based initiative to screen and request NASA's space shuttle artifacts. The first round of screening ended November 30 and all 913 artifacts were allocated.

A second screening opportunity will begin January 19, 2010 and will include approximately 2500 potential artifacts from the various NASA programs, including space shuttle, Hubble Space Telescope, Apollo, Mercury and Gemini.

To ensure broad access to potential artifacts, NASA partnered with the GSA to provide a first-of-its-kind, Web-based electronic artifacts prescreening capability. It may be accessed at:

<http://gsaxcess.gov/NASAWel.htm>

Each artifact will be screened for 90 days. Once the screening period closes, and at completion of the allocation process, requestors will be notified about the status of their request.

Museum and school officials must first be determined as eligible through an on-line registration process or through the State Agency for Surplus Property in their state. Eligible recipients may view the available artifacts and request specific items at the Web site. Prescreening allows potential recipients to identify specific items and provides the time to plan to transport, preserve and properly display artifacts.

Requesting an artifact through the prescreening process does not guarantee the item will be available or provide a specific time when it will become available. Allocated artifacts will be incrementally released as they no longer are needed by NASA, and in accordance with export control laws and regulations.

While the artifacts themselves are provided without charge, eligible recipients must cover shipping costs and any special handling fees. Shipping fees on smaller items will be relatively inexpensive, while larger items may involve extensive disassembly, preparation, shipping and reassembly costs. NASA will work closely with potential recipients, on a case by case basis, to address any unique special handling costs.

For the latest information about NASA shuttle transition and artifacts, visit

<http://www.nasa.gov/transition>

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